

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Communication

The Examiner has found that the amendment document filed on July 19, 2005 is non-compliant for failure to provide a clear status of claims 44 and 45. Applicants address the above issue by submitting an entire listing of the claims in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and by providing clarifying remarks as to the present status of claims 44 and 45.

Status of Claims 44 and 45

In the AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS section of the amendment document filed on July 19, 2005, Applicants indicated the status of claim 44 as being “Previously Presented” and claim 45 as being “Cancelled.” Applicants confirm that this is the correct status for these claims.¹

In the Reply to Final Office Action submitted with a RCE on July 19, 2005, Applicants cancelled claim 45 and amended claim 27, upon which claim 44 depends, to address the objection of claims 44 and 45 based on improper form and their rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of written description. In view of the cancellation of claim 45 and the amendment to claim 27, Applicants believe that the objection to, and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, of, dependent claims 44 and 45 can now be withdrawn.

¹ Applicants have not addressed the status of the other pending claims (claims 27, 29-33, and 46) because the status of these claims was not questioned by the Examiner.

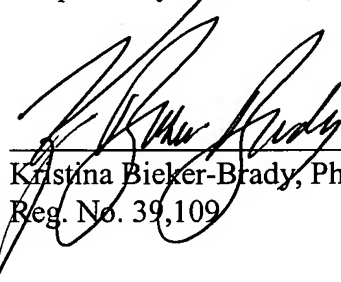
CONCLUSION

The amendment now being in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amendment, submitted herewith, and the remarks submitted with the Reply to Final Office Action on July 19, 2005.

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Respectfully submitted,

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